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ABSTRACT

Cordova Villa and Reymouth Schools (Folsom-Cordova Unified School District, California) have developed a program to accomplish a positive community involvement in the educational process by inviting parents to enjoy lunch and to use the playground facilities with their children during the lunch hour. Parents have a chance to talk to their children on the school grounds about school activities, and working parents can observe their children's educational environment in a short period of time without interrupting their own working schedules. During the lunch hour, the staff and parents have an opportunity to become better acquainted and to establish positive communications between home and school. Parents' reservation forms for the lunch program are sent home at the beginning of the week and returned by Wednesday. The cafeteria staff is informed of the number of expected guests. On Thursday parents receive reminders with a list of "Dos and Don'ts" for parents to help prevent interruptions of classroom activities. A sample reservation form, and two sample reminders each with a list of the "Dos and Don'ts guidelines are included in this document. This document was selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Task Force on Public Confidence as descriptive of a promising practice or exemplary project worthy of highlighting for the California educational community. (EM)

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FORM

Name of School, District or Agency: Folsom Cordova Unified School — Grade Levels: Elementary/TMR

Address: 10359 South White Rock Road — Telephone (916) 366-6181

City: Rancho Cordova, California — State: _____ Zip: 95670

Name of Contact Person: Steven Winlock, Principal — ACSA Region: Area 3

Name of Course, Program, Project or Policy: "Bring A Parent To Lunch"

Date of Operation of Program or Project: ongoing

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In 300 words or less please describe your program specifically enough for others to follow. Please include your program's
(1) primary purpose (how it benefits students)
(2) participants (grade levels of students, professional staff, community persons, etc)
(3) evaluation data (if available)

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The community is always involved in the schools directly or indirectly. A recently developed program to accomplish a positive community involvement in the educational process has been a program entitled "Bring A Parent To Lunch" at the Cordova Villa and Reymouth Schools.

Parents are invited to enjoy lunch and to use playground facilities with their children during the lunch hour.

Reservation forms to take part in the lunch program are sent home to each parent at the beginning of the week. Forms are returned by Wednesday. The cafeteria staff is informed of the number of expected guests. On Thursday, a list of "Dos and Don'ts" is sent home to the parents. This list states the guidelines to parents to help prevent interruptions of classroom activities. (See attached reservation form and list of "Dos and Don'ts".)

This program has enabled parents to become involved in school with their children in a positive manner. Parents have a chance to talk to their children on the school grounds about school activities. The "Bring a Parent to Lunch" program allows working parents to observe their child's educational environment in a short period of time without interrupting their work schedule. Their lunch hour is combined with their child's lunch. During lunch time, the staff and parents have an opportunity to become better acquainted and establish positive communication between home and school.

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NAME L. Steven Winlock DATE 1/84

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"bring a parent to lunch"

"BRING A PARENT TO LUNCH" is a time for our parents to experience our lunch program and share part of their child's day.

Your lunch will be served during the first 15 minutes.

Adult lunch cost: $1.50

Time:

Date:

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RESERVATION FORM

Please return to school by

_____Yes, I would like to have lunch with my child.
I have enclosed $1.50 in an envelope.

_____Yes, I will attend lunch, but will bring my own sack lunch

Your Name_____

Your Child's Name_____

Grade Level_____

JUST A REMINDER

"bring a parent to lunch"

for _____
(Date)

"BRING A PARENT TO LUNCH" IS A TIME FOR OUR PARENTS TO EXPERIENCE OUR LUNCH PROGRAM AND SHARE PART OF THEIR CHILD'S DAY.

Your lunch will be served the first 15 minutes of each lunch hour.

Adult Lunch Cost: $1.50

SOME DOS AND DON'TS

1. Parents are requested to go directly to the cafeteria tables and not to your child's classroom. We do not want to interrupt the educational process.
2. No commercial foods (McDonald's, Pizza Hut, etc.). We want our parents to experience what the children eat.
3. This is not a time for parent conferences; enjoy the company of teachers and students.
4. Enjoy recess, play the games, listen to the rules and when the bell rings, students will return to class and parents will return to their home or work.

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"bring a parent to lunch"

friday

november 18, 1983

"BRING A PARENT TO LUNCH" IS A TIME FOR OUR PARENTS TO EXPERIENCE OUR LUNCH PROGRAM AND SHARE PART OF THEIR CHILD'S DAY.

YOUR LUNCH: (LUNCH SERVED IN THE FIRST 15 MINUTES OF EACH LUNCH HOUR)

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN K-3: 11:45 to 12:25
IF YOUR CHILD IS IN 4-6: 12:25 to 1:05

ADULT LUNCH COST: $1.50

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

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2. No commercial foods (McDonald's, Pizza Hut, etc.). We want our parents to experience what the children eat.
3. This is not a time for parent conferences, enjoy the company of teachers and students.
4. Enjoy recess, play the games, listen to the rules and when the bell rings students return to class and parents return home.